

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Wentink

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Examiner: Taylor, Nicholas R.

Docket No.: 50337-1290

For: **Technique for Optimizing Backoff for a Shared Resource**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The outstanding Non-Final Office Action mailed March 17, 2008 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments in which claims 1, 8, 13, and 18 are amended and claims 22-25 are added; and consider the following remarks. Claims 1-25 are now pending in the present application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.